

LUTHER M'CARTY IN THE WAY

Big Nebraska Boy Now Looks Like Top-Notcher.

SURPRISED ALL BY GOOD FORM

His Fight with Jim Flynn Opens Eyes of the Coast Sportsmen, Who Look Upon Him as a Good One.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—With Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, eliminated from the heavyweight prospect by Luther M'Carty, white hopes at large should breathe more freely.

Flynn for years has been a stumbling block in the path of young stalwarts who thought themselves specially endowed by nature eminently fitted by their talents to wrest the championship crown from whoever happened to be wearing it. Jim was to latter day heavies what Peter Maher and Joe Choyanski were to the rising young glove wielders of a dozen or more years ago. He fell short of true championship from himself, but he could be depended upon to shatter the dreams of any young husky aspirant to front rank honors.

Just at present the Los Angeles sports are slinging the praises of Luther M'Carty. They are sorry they judged him by the ordinary white hope standards. They learn too late that he knew how to hold himself together like a seasoned heavyweight instead of floundering like a novice. M'Carty's straight left, which was not so much in evidence, was equally effective. The big Nebraska's pose was such that whenever Flynn attempted to jump close, poor Jim ran against a standing punch.

M'Carty was as firm as a rock at all times. He was well set and he presented an almost impenetrable front to the fellow who has made a specialty of storming white hope forts for years.

When He Meets Palmer. Just how it will be when M'Carty meets Palmer remains to be seen. Palmer, of course, will not be as easy to handle as Flynn. The latter compares with M'Carty as a bull terrier does with a mastiff, but in the coming engagement there will be no discrepancy in size. So far as reach and weight are concerned, there will be nothing to choose between Palmer and Luther, and this means that the coming fight will of necessity be entirely different in character from the Flynn-M'Carty engagement. Of a surety M'Carty will not hold Palmer at arm's length with the left while picking a target for the right.

In the arguments that are being indulged in at present, Palmer and M'Carty are regarded as an evenly matched pair. Any particular point in which M'Carty excels is thought to be offset by some fighting qualification possessed by Palmer. M'Carty is considered the better boxer; Palmer the harder hitter, and this matter of strength the men are supposed to be on a par, but it is thought that Palmer's ruggedness has been thoroughly proven whereas nothing much is known of M'Carty's ability to endure rough usage.

Contest Looms Up Big. When the various fighting attributes of the two big men are compared, the contest looms up as an event in which the chances are equally balanced, but even if the participants were a pair of tyros, the impressive appearance of the two giants, considered in conjunction with the great rivalry existing between them would lend a vast interest to the affair. The clash will probably cause as much furor as the two battles between Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries, when the sailor and the boiler-maker were comparatively young at the game.

A whisper comes from the east, however, that the fight which is pending must not be looked upon as the final heat in a white hope journey. It is said one Jess Willard will wish it to be remembered that he outboxed Luther M'Carty in New York. Willard, if report speaks truly, will demand a match with M'Carty in the event of the latter winning from Palmer. There is another whisper, not so well defined, that Tony Ross will retort strenuously at any attempt on Palmer's part to claim white hope supremacy.

Never Mind the Others. Al and Luther will probably regard these little interruptions as samples of the worry which are rarely inseparable from greatness in any walk of life. When the time comes, Willard or Ross or whoever it may be, will simply be asked to locate a promoter who will offer "suitable inducements," and the only challenge couched in respectful diplomatic language will receive the consideration it deserves. Jack Johnson by common consent has been thrown aside, but some one has asked how it will be if Sam Langford comes back from Australia and objects to the white hope, claiming a monopoly of the white hope situation. This is another bridge that it will be time enough to cross when it is reached. At the same time it is insisted that he is entitled to recognition from the survivor of the white hope tests one great controversy will arise.

Suggestion has been made that there be no mixed matches in future. In such case, a white man refusing to battle with Langford will be forced to take the stand that he merely claims to be the white champion of the world.

"All right," Langford may say, "I claim the black championship of the world and in order to make the situation interesting, I am going to claim the championship of all the races in the world."

Unless a deft of that kind is noticed, no very great step has been taken toward "restoring the pugilistic supremacy to the white race."

GREEKS LOSE GRASP ON OLYMPIC GAMES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Greeks are beginning to give up hope of ever seeing an Olympic gathering in their matchless stadium again. The Greek Olympic committee planned a meet in 1916, but an upset in King George's navy, bordering on a revolution, stopped it. Plans were also well under way for a meeting in 1914, but the Balkan war, which is just ending, has "scrubbed" that also. Now comes the hint from Europe that the international Olympic committee is opposed to Olympic games in intermediate years will "take the edge" off of the interest in the regular four-year series. Therefore the opposition. This means a wall of some kind for the Greeks. Facts and figures are already mentioned for the 1922 meeting, and it looks as though Athens is in for a long wait unless the Greeks go ahead on their own hook and run the risk of incurring the displeasure of the international Olympic committee.

HARMONY IN THE NATIONAL

Old League Magnates Finally Cease Their Squabbling.

TOM LYNCH HAS FREE HAND

New Situation in Base Ball and What May Happen as a Result of the Bitter Feeling that Existed.

BY W. H. MACBETH. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Absolute harmony prevails in the National league for the first time in many years. For this pleasing condition of affairs Tom Lynch is largely responsible. The executive under whose administration the parent major league has met with such unequalled prosperity was re-elected to office for another year. John A. Heydler was chosen secretary for a period of three more seasons and was handed a flattering increase in salary as a testimonial to his worth.

Lynch was unanimously returned to office. But better still, his erstwhile traducees proved his stoutest champions. Charles H. Ebbets, who was reported to have six endorsements for the name of Robert Brown of Louisville, proposed a new term for the present incumbent and C. Webb Murphy of the Cubs seconded the motion. Only one ballot was necessary to make the choice unanimous. It was the first time in a dozen years that some sort of scandal fight did not develop over the annual election. But this time there was no chance for a fight. Tom Lynch assured himself another term by so ably conducting the charges against Horace Fogel, which resulted in this former president of the Phillies being forever barred from the deliberations of the National league. Under the circumstances a repudiation of Lynch, after he had so ably proven his case, would have put the National league in a very ludicrous position.

Fogel Incident Brings Good. It would not be at all surprising if a year hence Tom Lynch or his successor should be returned to office for a long term of years. The trial of Fogel resulted in great good to the National league magnates and proved to them the great benefit of conducting their affairs like gentlemen and sportsmen. The long term of President Dan Johnson in the American league has proved the greatest good to the young major and its example is likely to be followed in the immediate future.

The National league seems to have put down finally that certain element which heretofore has caused all the racket. Charles H. Ebbets broke up the ring when he learned his friend Horace Fogel had "Dutched" himself so badly. Charles W. Murphy had to whip into line with the vast majority. He may consider himself a very fortunate financier that he was not implicated in the transaction with Fogel. Murphy's cunning enough to escape by "hedging." But he was taught a mighty fine lesson. He was forced to go on record as opposed to loose talk of organized base ball affairs. Since thus going on record Murphy has been a very, very quiet promoter.

Murphy's Power Broken. Murphy's power in the National league has been broken for all time. As a whole the club presidents have improved in the last five years. Fogel is out and Murphy is silenced. Ebbets has lined up for law and order. The league lost a very able general in John T. Brush, but Mr. Hempstead, his successor, is a man of brains, who intends to pattern his ways after the really successful men of his league. Jim Gaffney, the new owner of the Boston Nationals, is a very sensible man and has added much to the organization.

Everybody about New York is delighted with the interleague trade which will bring Frank Chance to New York as manager of the Highlanders. His presence here should prove a great boon to the game. Just imagine the interest that will be aroused with the Peerless Leader bidding for patronage against the mighty John McGraw. It is believed that the former idol of the Cubs will be able to make a real contender out of Farrell's sorry tailfeathers. He has a mighty fine nucleus around which to build. It but remains now for Chance to select some favorable training quarters and everything around the local base ball camp will be in great shape for the big noise of battle.

August Herrmann a Sport. It is very doubtful if Chance could have gotten out of the National league if August Herrmann had not promised Joe Tinker the management of the Reds before Murphy disposed of the man who made his Cubs so famous. Herrmann believes Chance is every bit as capable as he ever was and would very much like to have retained him for a leader. He had promised the job to Tinker, who is still a useful player, however, and could not back out of the deal. All the other National league clubs had been provided with managers and as nobody in the old circuit cared to gamble on Frank Fogel's playing ability, it was an easy matter to arrange a deal whereby he got out of the National league.

The case of Chance illustrates the fact that sentiment is not entirely dead in organized base ball. The club presidents of the National league realized what Chance had done for their circuit in his Chicago connections. Farrell was prepared to pay double the salary of any player who might have been willing to bid for the Peerless Leader and so things were made easy for Frank Chance to accept a flattering engagement. Unfortunately for the National league.

GRAND CIRCUIT STEWARDS TO MEET IN PITTSBURGH

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—The annual meeting of the stewards of the Grand circuit will be held in Pittsburgh January 4 and 5. Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit (two clubs), Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Salem, N. H.; Boston, Hartford, Syracuse, Columbus, Lexington and Poughkeepsie, N. Y., will be represented, although Poughkeepsie has not had a meeting assigned for the last two years. It is understood that the every track that gave a Grand circuit meeting will be in line for dates for the coming year, but a shift in the dates of one or two meetings would not be a surprise. It is understood that the Buffalo (Fort Erie) association will apply for different dates, owing to a conflict with another meeting there next year.

It has upon its hands still the unpleasant duty of passing upon Roger Bresnahan's claims against the St. Louis National league team. The matter will be finally adjusted at a meeting of the National league board of directors shortly before the joint schedule meeting in New York on February 11. The case should have been settled at the annual meeting, but the owners of the Cardinals refused to proceed with the case, pleading unpreparedness. It looked for a time as if the civil courts would pass on the dispute, for both sides tentatively agreed upon a trial before a referee in the state of Missouri. At the last moment, however, the owners refused to agree on any arbitration.

Bresnahan Has Good Case.

The opinion prevails that Bresnahan has an excellent case against his late employers. He holds a five year contract which has still four years to run, calling for a salary of \$10,000 yearly and 10 per cent of the profits of the team. This contract is not the usual base ball formula, but an ironclad agreement drawn by the best procurable talent. The lawyer who drew up the papers is one of Roger's counsel and declares that no law court in the country can do anything but honor the terms. Bresnahan has a just claim, according to the belief of the majority of the National league club owners. It is quite likely, however, that the duke of St. Louis will be ready to listen to some favorable compromise, and it would not be at all surprising if he settled before the scheduled meeting.

In the meantime, three National league clubs are bidding for the services of Bresnahan. Pittsburgh has offered him a contract at \$10,000 a year. It is said, August Herrmann is very anxious to secure this rattling backstop for Joe Tinker's Reds. Charles W. Murphy has also put in a claim and says he will go as high in the bidding as either of his contemporaries. To all inducements Bresnahan has as yet turned a deaf ear. He cannot openly negotiate so long as his case against the Cardinals hangs fire. However, Bresnahan has no cause to worry over the immediate future. He is prepared to take his case to the civil courts, provided he cannot secure justice at the hands of the National league.



This is the latest picture of Mrs. John T. Brush (by Alma Dupont), widow of the late owner of the New York Giants. Although her son-in-law, Harry Hempstead, is the president of the team, Mrs. Brush retains the ownership. Below (left) Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, who heads a syndicate which now owns

New Base Ball Magnates



the Philadelphia Nationals. To his left is John O. Kling, ex-manager of the Boston Pilgrims.

MAPES REVIEWS FOOT BALL

Contributes Observations on the Spirit of Yale's Success.

RECOUNTS GLORIOUS VICTORY

He Tells Interestingly of the Great Battle in Which Columbia University Administered Defeat to Yale.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Charles Halted Mapes does not intend to let the defeat of Yale by Harvard go by without bringing in the parallels in gridiron history. Mapes, who is chairman of the Columbia university committee on athletics, 1911-1912, contributes these observations on the Yale spirit of success, and also an account of how the blue and white triumphed in 1897. "Yale fifteen years ago was supreme in foot ball. Occasionally, but only very occasionally, one of their great rivals, Princeton or Harvard, would win a game from them, but for any outsider, anybody except one of the 'Eternal Triangle,' would beat Yale was out of the question, an utter impossibility. "The psychological effect of Yale's past prestige and present prowess was all powerful in every game. The blue-jerseyed figures with the white Y would tumble through the gate and spread on the field; the stands would rise to them with a roar of joyous welcome that would rival the small voices of each man who was right on his toes, felt as though he were made of steel springs. All other Yale teams had won. 'We will win of course.' "But the poor other side—they might just as well throw their canvas jackets and mackinac trousers in the old suitcase at once and go home. 'How Yale boys, we're crazy—but every man must try his doggedness to keep the score low,' and so the game was won and lost before the referee even blew his starting whistle.

Virginia Eleven to Meet St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The University of Virginia Alumni association of St. Louis has started a movement which will in all probability result in a foot ball game between St. Louis university and the Virginia eleven here next fall. While nothing definite has yet been done toward arranging the matter, several of the Virginia alumni have written to their alumni mater requesting that an attempt be made to schedule the game.

Rube Some Prow Agent

Rube Marquard does a song and dance on the size and tragedy in the news papers. His interview detailing the efforts of John McGraw to crush him because of greed and jealousy are actually "heart rendering." According to Rube McGraw tried to keep him out of the world's series, because John was afraid Rube would hog all the glory. Now that over and the villain failed, but he still purrs. McGraw is now jealous of Rube's size and his two sons, Thomas and John, own 50 per cent and Connie Mack, through his recent purchase, owns the other half. And there seems to be no fear that a deadlock in club affairs will ever occur.

Real Owners

There is one major league club, the ownership of which is not hidden from the public and that is the Philadelphia Athletics. The statement is made that R. F. Shibe and his two sons, Thomas and John, own 50 per cent and Connie Mack, through his recent purchase, owns the other half. And there seems to be no fear that a deadlock in club affairs will ever occur.

Division Has Arisen

Over Change in the Rules of Coaching

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.—A sharp division in sentiment has arisen at Yale over the proposed change in the foot ball coaching system. The alumni demand strenuously the installation of a graduate coach with experience, for an appointment of a term of years, but the undergraduates, for the most part, desire a continuance of the present system, which calls the captain of each eleven back to the university the following year as head coach. The question is being considered carefully by Captain Henry Ketchum, former player who compose an informal cabinet of foot ball advisors, and by the newly organized athletic committee. "The alumni who were foot ball players may invite Captain Ketchum to a banquet in New York City at the Yale club during the Christmas vacation for the purpose of considering the situation and presenting their demands that a permanent coaching system be established through a graduate coach appointed for several years. "Until the present time the power to appoint any coach he wanted has undoubtedly been vested with the captain of Yale foot ball teams. The adoption of a new athletic constitution and the appointment of a new athletic committee have, however, changed this and it is now possible for the new committee to install a new coaching system under the clause of the new constitution, which says: 'It (the committee) may, at any duly called meeting, pass rules for the conduct of any branch of athletics in the university.' "This leaves matters affecting athletic policy or changes of policy to the committee instead of either of the captains of the teams, or to the separate athletic branches. As the captain and manager of every major sport team, however, is a member of the committee, the changes are therefore to be made by cabinet instead of by individual methods. "A year ago the alumni demanded stoutly a change in the coaching system of the crews. John Kennedy, the professional coach, was dropped and Jim Rodgers, an graduate coach, was installed after a banquet of the alumni at which the request was made by them of Captain Romeyn, who consented to their demand. It is doubtful, if the alumni request a similar change of Captain-elect Ketchum of the foot ball eleven, whether the alteration in coaching policy will be made unless it is formally ordered by the new athletic committee. "The committee will meet soon after the reopening of college in January. The proposed banquet of the alumni will undoubtedly bring together more of the former foot ball players than were ever gathered before.

Two Hagermans

In addition to buying Rip Hagerman of Lincoln, the Portland Pacific Coast league club is said to be after Casey Hagerman, the Detroit pitcher, who had a trial with the Boston Red Sox.

WHITE HOPE M'CARTY LEADS

His Victory Over Flynn Puts Him in Front Rank Among Fighters.

HE HAS HAD LIVELY CAREER

Starts Out as a Globe Trotter When Twelve Years of Age and Has Followed Many Unprofitable Vocations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The signal victory gained by Luther M'Carty over the sturdy veteran, Jim Flynn, removed practically all doubt as to the former's ability. When M'Carty appeared here shortly after defeating Carl Morris, he showed up so green that he was promptly set down by the majority of critics as being a greatly overrated fighter.

After being pounded from pillar to post by Jim Stewart, a second-rater, few could see in the new sensation the long-looked-for white hope. Again, against Jess Willard, although M'Carty won a close decision, his work was so crude that wonder was expressed as to how he managed to fell the gigantic Morris. It was surmised that Morris must have been the victim of a lucky punch and that he must have entirely lost what little form he once possessed. But Morris has gone along winning all his bouts since his affair with M'Carty.

After leaving here M'Carty trounced Jim Barry, the well-known Chicago heavyweight and later knocked out Al Kaufman. But both of these men had long since passed their prime, and this fact took away most of the significance from M'Carty's victories. No doubt Flynn, too, has seen his best days. But the fact remains that M'Carty is the first white hope to get the better of the man who had come to be known as the destroyer of this species of pugilist.

M'Carty's next match will be with his closest rival, Al Palser. For the last year Palser has enjoyed the distinction of being hailed as the leader of the future greats. Now, however, the low farm will have to give place to M'Carty, whose record eclipses that of any other white heavyweight in the ring at the present time.

Will Be Decisive Battle.

When this pair of stalwart battlers come together for twenty rounds the outcome is bound to be decisive. Both lack the polish of the class of men who were prominent ten years ago, but they compare favorably with the most rugged and determined of past ring warriors. The spectacle they will furnish should be productive of many thrills for those who favor genuine fighting rather than scientific boxing.

M'Carty has had an eventful career. Before he became a knight of the padded mitt M'Carty had nacked enough thrills into his life to satisfy the average taste for excitement. At various times he has been miner, lumberjack, cowboy, sailor, roustabout and many other things as the opportunity offered. Now he is in a fair way to become the heavyweight champion, and yet he is still lacking a few months of his majority.

M'Carty was born on a ranch owned by his father that was located thirty miles out of Lincoln, Neb. His mother died when he was 2 years old and a few years later he went to live with relatives in Colorado. At the age of 12 he left his home without taking the formality of announcing his departure, and started on his travels. These took him through almost every state in the union. He also sailed around Cape Horn while acting as cabin boy on a "wind jammer," and visited China and Japan on another vessel.

After his foreign travels M'Carty went back to cattle herding on a ranch at Culbertson, Mont. He saw his first ring battle. He himself was involved in the proceedings in the capacity of sparring partner and later the second of one of the principals. Soon he branched out

on his own hook as a pugilist, getting his first opportunity when one of the principals in a bout against Walt Adams, a Canadian heavyweight, failed to show up. One of M'Carty's heavy swings ended the battle in the second round, and he immediately decided that at last he had found a vocation which would bring him more wealth than anything he had yet tackled.

To Choose Successor to Major P. E. Pierce

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The seventh annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic association will be held at the Hotel Astor on December 27, when a successor will be chosen for the present head of the organization, Major Palmer E. Pierce, who is now stationed in China with the Fifteenth infantry. It is likely that because of the prominent part which West Point men have taken in the association that Major Pierce's successor will also be from the military academy, Major Pierce having recommended Major Sturt as his successor.

At the present time the secretary-treasurer, Frank J. Nicholson of Westoyan university, is acting head of the organization, for after Major Pierce left the country the vice president, Prof. H. W. Johnston of Indiana university, died.

The various phases of amateur athletics will be discussed, and the association will continue its effort to better the athletic situation in the colleges by educational methods. Last year the organization began a campaign against summer base ball, and interesting reports are expected on the outcome of this campaign.

Dr. George L. Moylan of Columbia university will deliver an address on athletic training, during which he will discuss the methods used in training Olympic teams in the United States and England. Prof. William I. Dudley of Vanderbilt university, president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association, will deliver an address on "The Proper Control of College Athletics."

Important action will probably be taken on the report of a committee which, during the last year, has been investigating conditions, and will draft a statement concerning amateurism. This report will be made by Prof. George Eldon of Wisconsin. He has also compiled an important report on the foot ball fatalities of the season.

The foot ball committee, of which Dr. Harry L. Williams is chairman, will report on the last foot ball season, and it is not expected that they will recommend any changes in the rules for next season.

SPRINGFIELD WANTS THE HARVARD-CORNELL RACES

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 21.—Negotiations are under way to secure for Springfield the Harvard-Cornell boat race, beginning 1914. Members of the Harvard crew, including Pierre, stroke of the varsity eight, inspected the two-mile course here, the other day under the guidance of Charles T. Shean, who raised the guarantee for the Yale-Pennsylvania race last year. A formal offer of inducements by the Board of Trade will be the next step.

Arrangements have already been made to hold next year's race on the Charles river, so that Springfield's bid will be for 1914, and succeeding years. The Connecticut river course at Springfield ranks as one of the best straightaway courses in the world.

The Yale-Harvard races were rowed here in the 70s, and a return to the Springfield course, has several times been considered by rowing authorities of these colleges.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

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